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Title PROCESSING OF UNSOLICITED BULK ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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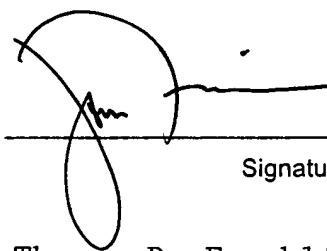
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